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Ed:

The Courage Handi-Hams is a group with whom I have been working, abd to whom I have contributed to in the past; not help them in their growing stages, but to sustain the effort as they progress.

The enclosed correspondence will give you an idea of the kinds of things that they do. I tho't this might be incorporated into a future program, and sending copies of this to Roger for his perusal.

I realize that it is easy to reach the saturation point on video programs, but this is not necessarily for tomorrow's showing. Something to fill in if some one fails to show??

Also, the examining gadget is unique in my experience, it is easy to build, and I am sending a copy to Jack to see if he feels it would contribute anything to the testing of handicapped persons.

If yes, I would be happy to order....if no, scrap it!

73,

Fred W9NZF

cc: W9UVV
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Ed:

I want to compliment you on your efforts on behalf fo the MRAC's effort to acquire and install a repeater. I hope that the membership feels the same way about the facility. This will give us another tool to attract younger persons, doubly so, in view of what is happening on 31/91!

One of the facts of life which we must face is the need for a continuing means to support the repeater's operation. The most direct way to accomplish this would seem to be the establishment and maintenance of a "Repeater Fund". This would provide an entity into which, donations could be received-poor Orv, another fund! We, of course could use the Wareing Fund, if the membership were to agree.

Another "interest raising" item, would be a "Repeater Happenings" column in the Hamachatter.Pancho could be designated to collect and publish information for such a column, or we might appoint a Chairman with overall rsponsibility for all repeater-related activities.

I do not believe that it is healthy for the President to have to tie himself down to too many details of day-to-day operations. Believe me, I know from recent experience with the Historical Society, that nothing is to be gained from this sort of thing! The technical details are enough, without all of the "nitty-gritty"!

The 2 meter location is a lot better than the proposed 220 freq., for the obvious reason of the need to acquire another piece of gear, which a lot of the "youngsters" probably cannot afford. Also, is is not necessary to carry two hand-helds, to provide access to both bands.

The repeater will give us an excellent information channel to dispence MRAC information, to co-ordinate activities, and to assist in field day operation.

I sincerely hope that Ted feels comfortable with this effort, as I see it as an asset, rather than an expense. I know that the first blast from Orv will be "How are we going to pay for it", but I suggest that we put a positive and complete program together to help "sell the effort".

Anything that I can do to assist, publicize the machine, or to donate parts, please let me know, Ed, as feel that we have a once-in-our lifetime opportunity to boost the club, and possibly to build its younger membership.

Congratulations again on your "forward thinking", and best 73.

30, es GN

Dear Ed:

I would like to congratulate you on the way the entire repeater situation was handled! I don't know how long we have screwed with the subject, but it was obvious that it needed leadership. How to go, man!
We also need a Repeater Fund to which donations can be made,and from which we can take small sums for maintenance purposes. Mebbe, we could convert the Wareing Fund to such a fund without too much problem.
I like Orv's position in all of this..."How do we pay for it"? It is better than taking a flat stand against spending ANY money. After all, we are a non-profit organization, and a little flexibility is in order, I think.
I found the same thing existing in the Historical Society when I took over the reins-every one pointed fingers, made clucking sounds, and we didn't do anything about important issues. We are now 2 1/2 years down the road, we have doubled our active membership, and have retired approx. $20,000 of debt. We have consoliidated 4 notes into 2, and cut our interest rate in half.
I think it would be a good idea to continue the "mini auctions"-small things that don't run into a hell of a lot of money, so that people will buy. If we make $20.00/meeting....it's more than we have now. An ideal opportunity to clean out the basement & garage.
Also, we spend time in Directors meetings, saying nothing, and in order to write up minutes from the tape, I have to play the whole thing out, take notes, edit the notes, and then type the final version. I can't edit it at the meeting because I may miss something,or run the risk of misdirecting the intent of the Director making the statement.
If I can help in any way with the repeater, or anything else, please let me know..anything but climbing towers!
Thanks for listening....

Cordially,

Oct. 29,1993

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MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE CHAPTER
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TESLA SOCIETY

On Sat., Nov. 13th, Ed Wille, Roger Zaun, and Fred Linn, visited a meeting of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Tesla Society, to meet the people, and to view a Video presentation of the "Secret Life of Nikola Tesla" .

This is an excellent video, and depicts several phases of his life work, not previously covered in the published versions. It is a bit too long for a general meeting (1 1/2 hrs), but if desired, it could be shown in 2 parts (?).

The group meets at the Oak Creek Library, 8620 So. Howell Ave, and also at the Bayview Library, 2566 So. Kinnickinnic Ave.

The group is a "varied" one, and is interested in other fields such as Homeopathic medicine, Quantum Biology, and the use of Non Hertzian Energy in the treatment of Human Ills. (I attempted to converse with one of the members, but it was obvious that I was not going to understand what he was talking about, nor did I want to!)

Their interest in Tesla was apparently incidental to their other main concerns, and although they are a chapter of the International Society, I doubt that I could keep up with them, scientifically. My only interest is with Tesla & his work.

Their dues are rather high, ($5.00/quarter), and $25.00/symposium!

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